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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is Applicants' response to the Office Action mailed October 26, 2007, for which the shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on January 26, 2008. With a three month extension, reply is timely on or before April 28, 2008 because April 26 is a Saturday. Applicants hereby petition for a 3-month extension of time and include the required fee.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 21 of this paper.